

REMARKS

Claims 1-30 were submitted for examination. Claims 1-4, 7-13, 16-21 and 24-30 have been rejected. Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 22 and 23 have been objected to. Claims 2, 5, 6, 11, 14, 15, 19, 22, 23 and 27-30 have been canceled. Claims 1, 3, 10, 12, 13, 20 and 26 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration and reexamination of the above-referenced patent application, is respectfully requested.

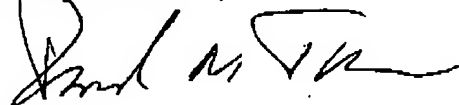
Claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 22 and 23 have been objected to by the Examiner as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of the base claims. Claims 1, 10, and 18 have been rewritten to include the limitations of claims 5, 6, 14, 15, 22 and 23, respectively. Applicants submit that claims 1, 10, and 18 and their dependent claims are now in the condition for allowance. Applicant further submits that the amended claim 26 is also in the condition for allowance.

CONCLUSION

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite or assist in the allowance of the present application, the Examiner is invited to call David Tran at (408) 765-4692.

Authorization is hereby given to charge our Deposit Account No. 50-0221 for any charges that may be due.

Respectfully submitted,



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